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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration. This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers: Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract pages of specification and claims (including 12 numbered claims), and 61 21 sheets of accompanying drawing/s. Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned. Attached is a Power of Attorney. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications: Country **Application Number** Day/Month/Year Filed 2002-209423 Japan 18 July 2002 1 August 2002 2002-224361 Japan 1 August 2002 2002-224356 Japan , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application... Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached. Certified copy(ies) filed on in prior application no. filed This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application. This application is a \square continuation/ \square division/ \square continuation-in-part of Application No. . filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application. Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency. The prior application is assigned to It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required. ■ "Small entity" statement attached. Applicant claims "small entity" status. Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee: \boxtimes Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/ r Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Statement deleting Inventor(s) Form PTO-1449 and cited references **UEDA** Japan 1. Inventor: Naofumi (first) MI (last) (citizenship) Residence: (city) (state/country) Japan Nara Mailing Address: 1294, Nakayama-cho, Nara-shi, Nara, Japan (Zip Code) 631-0012 2. Inventor: Yuii OKAMOTO Japan (citizenship) (first) MI (last) (state/country) Japan Residence: (city) Soraku-gun 1-32-18, Sakuragaoka, Seika-cho, Soraku-gun, Japan Mailing Address: (Zip Code) 619-0232 \boxtimes See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

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